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Application No.: 09/821,832 Group Art Unit: 1637

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For: RNA Sequence-Specific Mediators of RNA Interference

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated October 2, 2002, the claims of Group I (Claims 1-5, 12, 43, 48-50 and 72-75) drawn to an isolated RNA and DNA are elected for prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicant does not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

An extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. A Petition for an Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.

The requirement is being traversed for the reasons set forth in detail below.